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OH, SEE WHO'S COMING!

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Marquis of Queensberry Didn't Frame Famous Rules of Boxing.

ALTHOUGH the celebrated Marquis of Queensberry is credited with framing the rules which, supposedly, have governed boxing bouts during the last thirty years or so, he really didn't draw them up at all. We get this information authoritatively through an old interview with the English sportsman, which Jack Skelly reprints in his interesting *Yankees Herald* column. Howard H. Hackett, then the athletic authority of the New York World, talked to the Englishman on the subject when the latter toured this country back in 1891.

"How," asked Hackett, "did you come to frame the famous rules which bear your name?"

"I am glad you asked that question," replied the Marquis. "I have always wanted to set the world right in the true authorship of those rules. They were drawn up by John Chambers, a descendant of mine at Cambridge and subsequently the editor of *Land and Water*. I made two or three alterations and they were adopted."

"Those rules," continued the Marquis, "were never designed for such big contests as the world has been witnessing in recent years. This in 1891, but solely for boxing bouts. Their purpose was to disqualify any person who resorted to slugging. Even as far back as thirty years ago the Marquis considered the original rules too exacting for the boxing contests of those days. He didn't believe in long bouts and the brevity of the period of rest between rounds. And instead of the present ten seconds, he favored giving a man twenty seconds to get on his feet after a knockdown."

THEN Skelly prints the original and correct Queensberry rules, twelve in number, each very plain and simple. It would be well for all boxing fans to familiarize themselves with them. Here they are:

- Rule 1. To be a fair standup boxing match in a 24-foot ring, at least that size as practicable.
- Rule 2. No wrestling or hugging allowed.
- Rule 3. The rounds to be of 3 minutes' duration, and one minute between rounds.
- Rule 4. If either man falls through weakness or otherwise, he must get up, unassisted, in 10 seconds to be allowed him to do so, the other man meanwhile to return to his corner, and when the fallen man is on his legs the round is to be resumed.
- Rule 5. If one man fails to come to the scratch in ten seconds allowed, it shall be in the power of the referee to give his award in favor of the other man.
- Rule 6. A man hanging on the ropes in a helpless state, with his back to the ground, shall be considered down.
- Rule 7. No second or any other round to be allowed in the ring during the contest.
- Rule 8. Should the contest be stopped by any unavoidable interference, the referee to name time and place, as soon as possible, for finishing the contest, so that the match must be won or lost, unless the backers of both men agree to draw the stakes.
- Rule 9. The gloves to be fair-sized boxing gloves of the best quality and new.
- Rule 10. Should a glove burst or come off, it must be replaced to the referee's satisfaction.
- Rule 11. A man on one knee is entitled to the stakes.
- Rule 12. No shoes or boots with springs allowed.
- Rule 13. The contest in all other respects to be governed by the revised rules of the London Prize Ring.

DURING his trip to Boston this week, where he knocked out that big, tough, colored heavyweight, John Lester Johnson, in eight rounds, Fred Fulton found time to visit the grave of John L. Sullivan in Roxbury and to place a wreath of flowers over "the greatest Roman of the all." Fulton has always been an admirer of John L. and says that ever since he was knee high to a grasshopper he followed his career. As he stood by the old warrior's grave his face said:

"We've had champions ever since the old world began to revolve, but we had only one John L." Fulton doesn't think that Jeffries, Johnson or Fitzsimmons could have stood up before the mighty John when he was in his prime.

COMING down to the present day champion, Jack Dempsey, Fred talked in this strain:

"Just now they are talking about the wonderful prowess of Jack Dempsey, but Jack would never have been able to stand the test along with Sullivan, Dempsey, according to my way of thinking, would be made just right for a man like Sullivan. You know John L. used to like the slam-bang type of fighter. He wanted his men coming to him all the time, and the more aggressive they were the better he liked it. Good old John used to get set for all of it. He would faint to get their hand away from the jaws, then it was his awful haymaker that generally sent his contender to the land of nod."

"Personally I believe that Dempsey is a lucky champion. I do not want to take anything away from Jack in the least, but I believe he became champion just a little before his day. You know it was that lucky day he had with me over in Jersey that put him on the way to a battle with Willard. Then he fought a husky in Willard, which any real contender could have beaten at Toledo. Give Jack Dempsey all that is due him, but he is not a John L. Sullivan by a thousand miles."

LIVE WIRES

By Neal R. O'Hara.

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One thing you can say for the Baltimore Spiker though. He's safe at home.

New grand opera, "Cleopatra's Night," explains why they didn't want daylight saving in the ancient days.

Match between the Big Plasterer and Mason might settle the building trades championship.

A holdout holds out nothing but his hand.

College football players will soon be holding out for a 50 per cent. increase in cheers.

Babe Ruth's birthday this week. Babe finds himself worth \$350,000 at 22.

Baseball war will continue so long as Ban Johnson is pro-Herrmann.

Two English crews will journey to America this summer. Some cruise.

GUYS AT PALM BEACH REPORT THE BELLHOPS FURNISH THE PALMS AND THE MANAGEMENT THE BEACH.

Senator Knute Nelson would have 'em eliminate sporting pages to save white paper. Showing that a half-Nelson or a whole one is dangerous in every branch of sport.

Statistics show the White Sox lead in double plays and the A's always trail in double-headers.

Giant's spring plans call for 'em to train at San Antonio and detrain at twenty other places.

Four years ago the public didn't want Les Darcy. To-day it wants less Dempsey and more action.

U. of P. lost the backbone of its 1919 football team. Cornell still retains all the bone on its 1919 eleven.

Pennsylvania's loss now amounts to nine men. And Penn will find it as hard to win without nine men as Connie Mack finds it to win WITH 'em.

Pair of Broadway shows now on their second year prove the hit and run system still pays in New York.

SPIT BALL IS STILL LEGAL WHICH MAKES AT LEAST ONE VICTORY FOR THE WETS.

GREAT BRITAIN SELECTS OPEN GOLF TOURNEY DATES.

The open golf championship tournament of Great Britain will be held over the links at Deal on June 21, 22 and 23, according to a cable message received in this country last night.

When official confirmation of this is received from St. Andrews by the United States Golf Association, dates will be announced at once for the open championship of this country.

Elm Proves Easy Picking for Valger PATRICKSON, N. J., Feb. 5.—Benzy Valger, the French featherweight champion, who is matched to meet World's Champion Johnny Kibane Feb. 18 in Newark, all but knocked out Tommy Elm here last night in an eight-round bout. Valger's cleverness and punching ability were too much for the local boy, who held on at every opportunity to save himself from being knocked out. Valger scored a knee down in the seventh round.

Buzzers Sail for Europe To-day. Al Lippe, manager of a string of boxers, will sail with his charges for Europe on the Mauretania to-day. The boys Lippe is taking along are Jeff Smith, Tom Cowler, Frankie Brown, R. O. Loughlin, Eddie Moy, Joe Mendel, Max Williamson, Fred Dyer, Johnny Alecks and Trainer Jimmy Laggett.

Danforth Wins a Gold Medal. PHILADELPHIA, N. C., Feb. 5.—The gold medal for the most gross score in the qualifying round of the annual St. Valentine's golf tournament was won by F. S. Danforth, North Fork, with an 84 yesterday over the No. 2 course, and this, with his 75 on Monday on No. 2 gave him a total of 162.

Herman Scores Easy Victory. PATRICKSON, N. J., Feb. 5.—Willie Herman of Paterson administered a terrific beating to Frankie Lippy of New York in eight rounds at the Lyceum A. C. of Paterson last night. The holding tactics of Lippy enabled him to stay the limit.

Ruth On Way To Seek Slice of Purchase Money

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Outfielder George H. (Babe) Ruth left here yesterday for the East. He intends to be in New York next Tuesday to confer with Manager Miller Huggins of the New York Yankees. Ruth insists he will not sign a contract to play with the Yankees until he receives a part of his purchase price, said to be \$125,000.

Apparently John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, has decided not to attend the big major league meeting in Chicago next week for the purpose of talking over trades with other managers and getting his players in line for the coming season.

Joseph D. O'Brien, the club secretary, received a cablegram yesterday from Charles A. Stoneham, President, in which the latter said he would leave Havana to-day for Chicago. This tends to the assumption that McGraw would remain in charge of the Stoneham-McGraw racing interests in Cuba until the end of the month and then go direct to San Antonio from Havana.

The vanguard of the Robins will leave New York for Jacksonville on Feb. 26, going by the good steamship Mohawk. At Miami, Ruben Marquard, Clarence Mitchell, "Chuck" Ward and Heitman, a cot pitcher, have already decided to make the trip by water, and there may be others.

Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

Eddie Fitzsimmons the promising local fighter has been booked up for three more bouts by his manager, Dan Morgan. On Monday night he boxes Larry Hanson at Harrisburg, Pa. Feb. 23 he goes against Tim Droney, the Pennsylvania fighter, for ten rounds at the Fulton Opera House at Lancaster, Pa., and on March 10 he will swap punches with Johnny Sheppard, the English lightweight, in a ten round bout at the Detroit Boxing Club of Detroit, Mich. Fitzsimmons is to receive a guarantee of \$2,000 for boxing Sheppard.

When Lew Edwards, the Australian lightweight champion, arrives at Milwaukee with Tom Andrews, the Milwaukee fight promoter, he will be signed up for three fights at the Green Cup A. C. of that city. The fighters who will be selected for him are Mickey Mitchell, Johnny Dundee and Eddie Fitzsimmons. Edwards will not box champion Henry Leonard until after he has fought the above named fighters.

Joe Lynch, the West Side bantamweight, who has been laid up for six weeks, will den the gloves again tonight. He will clash with Patsey Johnson, the Trotter fighter, for eight rounds in the main go at the boxing show of the City A. C. of Jersey City. Lynch has been working hard for his bout and is in fine fettle for a stiff battle.

Champion Jack Britton arrived home last night from Savannah, Ga., where he double-knocked Jack Conner, the Savannah welterweight, in a bout at the Savannah A. C. last week. Jack says that the house amounted to \$2,500, and that the house of cards was turned away for want of cash. Britton declares he got \$1,750 for one round.

Artie Fitzsimmons, matchmaker of the City A. C. of Jersey City, has decided to use Henry Kaufman, the Philadelphia featherweight, in a bout with Frankie Brown, the cerebral Jew City featherweight, at his show on Friday evening, Feb. 12. Kaufman has fought many of the

Dave McAndless Wins Amateur Billiard Title

David McAndless of Chicago added the Eastern Class A. 15.3 balliard championship title to his holding by winning the final game of the tournament at the Amateur Billiard Club of New York last night. The young wizard of the cue, who is also the national champion, transcended all of his previous efforts in the way of scoring impressive runs. He broke the high run record of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players by completing his string with an unfinished run of 142.

McAndless defeated Francis S. Appleby, Columbia student, by the score of 300 points to 125. The champion's average was a flat 35 for the performance, while that of his opponent was 115-11. McAndless had five double figure runs on his string, of which the best three were 34, 34 and 23. Appleby's best effort produced 32.

By his victory McAndless becomes a triple winner. He gains the championship, the high run and the high average prizes. Appleby won second prize, as the only one to defeat him was McAndless, Edward W. Gardner, the veteran, won third place.

Jack Hinton, matchmaker of the Olympic A. A. of Philadelphia, to-day made Ben Morgan, manager of the Eastern Class A. 15.3, an offer of \$2,000, with an option of 35 per cent. of the gross receipts for Leonard to fight Patsey Johnson at his club on March 1. Morgan wired back that he would take the much greater sum of \$2,500, with an option of one-third of the receipts.

Charley White, the Chicago lightweight, has covered his commitments with Nate Levin, his manager. White will back after his own affairs in the future and expects to come back and take on some of the best fighters in eight round bouts at either the Arena A. C. of Jersey City or the Sportsman's Club of Newark, N. J.

Australian Champion Offered Bout With Winner Here. Dave Driscoll, manager of the Arena in Jersey City, yesterday sent a telegram to Tom Andrews in San Francisco, offering a match for Lew Edwards, Australian lightweight champion, with the winner of the Benny Leonard-Johnny Dundee bout, which is to be held in the Fourth Regiment Armory in Jersey City next Monday night.

Andrews arrived in Princeton on Monday and is expected to be in Jersey City by Tuesday. Driscoll will call a meeting of Dundee and Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, to-morrow to discuss the referee question.

Griffith Knocks Out Descamps' Other Boxer. PARIS, Feb. 5.—Johnny Griffith, the American welterweight, last night scored a technical knockout over Marcel Descamps, a French fighter. The end came in the tenth round of what was to have been a fifteen-round bout. Griffith, who is a French fighter, was also the manager of Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight champion, Thru got the sponge in order to save his man from a knockout.

Carpentier May Meet A. E. F. Champion Before He Faces Jack Dempsey

Bob Martin Says That Frenchman Is Honor Bound to Give Him First Chance, as He Was Twice Scheduled to Box Him in France Only to Have Matches Unexpectedly Fall Through.

By Alex. Sullivan.

WHEN Georges Carpentier steps down the gang plank upon his scheduled arrival in this city next month he will be greeted by Bob Martin, the strapping A. E. F. and Inter-Allied heavyweight boxing champion. Martin is still confident that he will be given first chance of any American to face the famous Frenchman in the ring, and he feels that Georges is honor bound to oppose him first. And thereby hangs this tale.

It is now boxing history that Martin fought his way to the heavyweight championship honors in the A. E. F. tourney. He was the only American who won a title in this event who also participated in and won Inter-Allied honors. It was in this tourney that he was supposed to meet the Frenchman and, up to two days before the contest was supposed to take place, Bob expected that Carpentier would exchange wallops with him. He was a very much disappointed fighter when told that the French authorities had substituted Journal, a stable-mate, also managed by Descamps. Carpentier said he had hurt his hand.

Martin and Journal fought a slugging fight, first one and then the other. The American finally putting over the sleep wallop that eliminated Journal in the third round.

Last June when Jimmy Rickard was arranging the preliminaries for the Dempsey-Willard bout at Toledo, he thought it would be a good idea to arrange a meeting between Bob Martin and Ray Kinsler, the two A. E. F. heavyweight finalists. They had fought such a terrific ten-round fight to a decision that a return engagement looked like an interesting event, especially to the thousands of returned soldiers.

Col. James A. McDermott, who had charge of the A. E. F. boxing affairs, called Martin to him in Paris and asked him if he'd like to be shipped right home as a casual and get a chance of earning \$5,000 fighting Kaiser at Toledo. Bob asked the Colonel if he thought there was a chance of his meeting Carpentier in the Inter-Allied games boxing bouts and the Colonel told him he thought there was. Bob said he would pass up the big guarantee and the opportunity to return directly home after over a year and a half in France.

Martin had beaten Coghlin, the Australian champion, in a bitter bout for the Inter-Allied title, stopping him in 52 seconds on the same night when the Dempsey-Carpentier fight was watched for his first

professional fight with Bob Scanlon and he knocked him out in three rounds. He was then offered three fights, one with Nils, the French heavyweight champion, Dick Smith and Carpentier, but it seems that the French promoter, who was never able to sign up Carpentier so Martin never returned to Europe. There is a promoter who is willing to give Carpentier and Martin a \$75,000 purse to fight in Pueblo, Colorado, in a product of army boxing. He first learned the rudiments of the sport at Camp Shelby, his first important victory being over Frank McGillicut, a champion from one of the other camps that Frank McGillicut developed. He won in four rounds by the K. O. route.

Bob was with the 150th Infantry and saw plenty of action on the other side. He won twenty-eight bouts, eighteen by the K. O. route, in order to reach the A. E. F. finale. He feels particularly pleased because of his quick victory over Coghlin, as the latter lasted three rounds with Fred Fulton in England recently.

When Martin fought the Australian all the American doughboys had much at stake. It seems that they had wagered every cent they could rake up on Al Norton's chances against Pettibridge. Norton lost on a foul.

When it came time for Martin to box Coghlin, thousands of dollars worth of sport goods that were in a storeroom and the grand stand of the Pershing Stadium were stolen. The U. S. A. Intelligence forces were immediately sent out to run down the culprits, as it was known that during the night some United States Army wagons had backed up to the stadium and taken away the valuable sporting paraphernalia. However, the matter was dropped when all the stuff, which had undoubtedly been pawned to bet on Martin, was returned after his less than a minute victory over Coghlin.

The doughboys, according to Jim Bronson, manager of Martin, introduced two things in Europe that they would perpetuate—cigarettes and gambling.

Martin was born in the Blue Ridge Mountains of West Virginia, but now makes his home at Akron, O. He first saw the light of day on Nov. 11, and on the day of the signing of the armistice he was twenty-one years old.

The figure 11 has been very conspicuous in his career. It was one of eleven sons in a family of fourteen. He wears a No. 11 shoe. His first professional fight was fought on July 11, and he knocked his opponent out in eleven rounds. He has recently outpointed Martin in a great battle in the West. Martin sent Bronson on here, as he wants to see Smith before he meets anybody else. He hurt his hand in this bout and he says he can K. O. Ray the next time. He would also like a bout with Gene Tunney, who won a four-round decision over him in Paris.

But Bob isn't looking for Dempsey yet, as his manager says that Jack can't right now whip all the Martins, Carpentiers and Tunneys in the world.

National Tennis Committee to Ask New Rules Be Given Year's Trial

Players to Have Alternative of Using Old or New Scoring Method.

THE Rules Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced last night that it would propose a year's trial for the changes in rules which will be submitted to the delegates at the annual meeting to-morrow.

It is suggested that the tentative changes be tried out on the courts with players having the alternative of using the old or new method of scoring.

The committee feels that the proposed changes are important enough to justify this experiment.

It decided further to offer an amendment to its report for the conduct of handicap tournaments, also the lines suggested by the claims of the Metropolitan Association.

This plan of gradually was considered and was being held as an alternative in case the one first proposed did not meet general approval.

The new method, as published two or three days ago, is based on a study of the scoring in the old and new methods, that six points is a fair equivalent of a game and thirty points of a set. The scoring in the new method continues up to thirty points, with the service change at the winning of every sixth point, thus keeping up the idea of a change service at the end of each game.

Straight set victories carried Mrs. BELLEAIR HEIGHTS, Pa., Feb. 5. Mrs. G. Henry Stearns and Mrs. C. F. Fox of Philadelphia will meet in the tournament to-day. Both having won their matches yesterday with strokes to spare. It was rather a surprise for Mrs. Stearns to defeat Mrs. G. K. Morrow of the Engineers' Club by such a wide margin, 7 and 5.

Samuel F. Waring, Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory, Mrs. De Forest Candee and Al Elinor Goss will meet in the final round of the invitation lawn tennis singles on the indoor courts of the Heights Casino, Brooklyn.

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